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SUBJECT: ICCS: INDODEL ATTITUDES

1. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING VISIT OF GEN SUMITRO AS REPORTED
SEPTEL, INDODEL POLITICAL ADVISER SOEDARBO ALSO COMMENTED ON
CURRENT ICCS DEVELOPMENTS IN JUNE 19 MEETING WITH EMBOFF. SOEDARBO
WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT PLENARY DEADLOCK WOULD BE RESOLVED FOLLOWING
NIXON/ BREZHNEV TALKS AND RETURN TO SAIGON OF HUNGDEL AMB
ESZTERGALYOS. SOEDARBO CRITICIZED HUNGDEL FOR DISPLAYING NO SPIRIT
OF COMPROMISE AS CHIP DELS STRUGGLE TO RESOLVE DEADLOCK. INDODEL
EFFORTS IN THAT DIRECTION ARE PEGGED TO CURRENT CANDEL CHAIRMANSHIP
OF ICCS WHICH ENDS JULY 1. SOEDARBO SAID INDODEL PLANS TO PROPOSE
THAT ICCS CHAIRMAN SIMPLY FORWARD THE THREE NVA PRISONER INTERROGA-
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REPORTS TO TPJMC UNDER COVERING LETTER WITH NO REFERENCE TO
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ARTICLES OF PROTOCOL AND AGREEMENT. SOEDARBO THOUGHT CANDEL WOULD ACCEPT THIS BUT AGREED WITH EMBOFF THAT HUNGDEL/ POLDEL MIGHT STILL BALK AT ICCS COVERING LETTER WITH CANDEL CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.

2. SOEDARBO ALSO EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT MALAYSIA AS REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA. HE SAID MALAYSIA HAD MANPOWER SHORTAGE AND THAT SOME INDODEL MEMBERS SHARED HIS PERSONAL DISLIKE FOR MALAYSIANS IN GENERAL. INDODEL KNOWS OF NO OTHER SUITABLE ASIAN COUNTRY FOR CANDEL JOB, ACCORDING TO SOEDARBO.

3. RE ROTATION OF INDODEL MILITARY CONTINGENT NEXT MONTH, SOEDARBO ACKNOWLEDGED PROBLEM OF REPLACING VETERANS SEASONED FROM DEALING WITH HUNGDEL/ POLDEL OBSTRUCTIONISM BY NEWCOMERS, WHICH MIGHT AFFECT PERFORMANCE. INDODEL WAS CONSIDERING EXTENSION OF SOME KEY REGIONAL MEMBERS AND, IN ANY CASE, WILL WORK TO IMPROVE TRAINING OF THESE PERSONNEL IN THE PIPELINE AND ARRANGE SUITABLE OVERLAP PERIODS.

4. COMMENT: SOEDARBO'S SANGUINE REMARKS ABOUT RESOLVING PLENARY IMPASSE MAY BE WISHFUL THINKING. WHILE HE THOUGHT HUNGEL WOULD SOFTEN ITS HERETOFORE ADAMANT POSITION, SOEDARBO COULD GIVE NO SPECIFIC ILLUSTRATIONS OF ANY RECENT HUNGEL HINTS IN THAT DIRECTION. WHITEHOUSE

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